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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No 04-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure of an air conditioner for built-in kitchen.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 04-22205 appears to disclose an air conditioner having two flaps for wind direction fluctuation.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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